

Customs tariff—387c. Steel grooved (or girder) rails for electric tramway use, weighing not less than 75 pounds per lineal yard, punched, drilled, or not, of shapes and lengths not made in Canada: rate of duty, free.

Mr. DUNNING: No change.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—388. Iron or steel angles, beams, channels, columns, girders, joists, tees, zeos and other shapes or sections, not punched, drilled or further manufactured than hot rolled, weighing not less than 35 pounds per lineal yard, n.o.p.; piling of iron or steel, not punched or drilled, weighing not less than 35 pounds per lineal yard, including interlocking sections, if any, used therewith, n.o.p.: rate of duty, free.

Mr. DUNNING: No change.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—388b. Iron or steel angles, beams, channels, columns, girders, joists, tees, zeos and other shapes or sections, not punched, drilled or further manufactured than hot rolled, n.o.p.; piling of iron or steel, not punched or drilled, including interlocking sections, if any, used therewith, n.o.p.: rate of duty, \$4 per ton.

Mr. DUNNING: No change.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—388d. Iron or steel angles, beams, channels, columns, girders, joists, piling, tees, zeos and other shapes or sections, punched, drilled or further manufactured than hot rolled or cast, n.o.p.: rate of duty, 20 per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: There is a reduction from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.

Mr. MacNICOL: We cannot get them in now anyway.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—388e. Iron or steel side or centre sill sections, of all sizes not manufactured in Canada, weighing not less than 35 pounds per lineal yard, not punched, drilled or further manufactured, when imported by manufacturers of railway cars, for use in their own factories: rate of duty, free.

Mr. DUNNING: No change.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—390c. Piston ring castings of steel, in the rough as from the moulds: rate of duty, free.

Mr. WARD: I referred to this question a few days ago. I am sorry the Minister of National Revenue is not in his seat. This is a matter which concerns greatly the mining and lumbering industry of Canada. About three months ago, on representations made by the Caterpillar Diesel Tractor Company of the United States the commissioner of customs gave a ruling which removed the 25 per cent duty levied on the importation of

diesel engines. About three weeks ago, on representations made by the British trade commissioner, this ruling was cancelled. The information was given to me by men in the trade that this ruling was cancelled on representations by the Dominion Steel Company, which I believe is a branch of the great Dominion Bridge group, on the pretext that this firm was manufacturing diesel engines in Canada. May I point out that the United States company up to January of this year had manufactured some 22,000 or 23,000 diesel engines, which engines were admitted to Canada free of duty if they entered as part of a tractor.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but I think he is out of order in bringing this matter up under the present item.

Mr. WARD: Well, I am not sure there is going to be an opportunity to discuss it later.

Mr. DUNNING: There is an item under which it can be dealt with. It is 409m, and possibly the Minister of National Revenue will be here when we come to that.

Mr. WARD: There will be an opportunity to discuss it then?

Mr. DUNNING: Under item 409m.

Mr. WARD: Will the Minister of National Revenue be in his seat then?

Mr. DUNNING: I cannot say. The hon. member can go and get him in the meantime.

Mr. WARD: Well, I shall defer my remarks until then.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—392. Forgings, of iron or steel, in any degree of manufacture, n.o.p.: rate of duty, 17½ per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: A reduction in rate from 20 per cent to 17½ per cent.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—ex 392, 392a. Forgings of iron or steel, in any degree of manufacture, hollow, machined or not, not less than 12 inches in internal diameter; and all other forgings, solid or otherwise, in any degree of manufacture, of a weight of 20 tons or over: rate of duty, free.

Mr. DUNNING: There is a combination there. There is a reduction on part of the item, on certain forgings.

Mr. MacNICOL: Does this item cover locomotive steel? I am not finding any fault; I just want to know whether each of them or